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Of Special Interest This Week

+ The FBIS satellite dish at Langley continued to provide extensive Moscow TV reportage on the Chernobyl accident, as well as video footage of a 6 May press conference by Soviet officials and parts of the 9 May press conference given by visiting IAEA officials which were not carried on Moscow TV. The latter conference was shown at a special screening arranged by OCR. As of 14 May, a total of six special DAILY REPORT supplements devoted to reportage on Chernobyl will have been published.

+ In response to a priority request by OCR, the FBIS Foreign Language Service Center (FLASC) at Headquarters summarized an interview with Dutch Minister of Transport and Public Works Neelie Smit-Kroes published in the Dutch journal ELSEVIERS MAGAZINE. OCR will use the information in a briefing paper it is preparing for U.S. Transportation Secretary Elizabeth Dole.

+ In spite of heavy flooding in Thailand, billed as the worst in years and causing closure of the U.S. Embassy on 12 May, the FBIS bureau in Bangkok was able to maintain normal operations throughout the four heaviest days of flooding. Damage to the bureau premises was minimal.

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